
Funding Opportunities

from government and private sources for education programs

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Library Services and Technology Program (FDOS)

PROGRAM: Sponsored by the Florida Department of State (FDOS) this program provides funds to assure the accessibility of library services to all state residents. The primary focuses include accessibility through technology and information empowerment services.

Grant categories:

- Access for Persons Having Difficulty Using Libraries
- Library Technology Connectivity and Services

DEADLINE: March 15, 2003.

FUNDING: Awards vary and require a minimum of one-third match of the funds requested or awarded. Total \$7.6 million awarded for fiscal year 2002-2003.

ELIGIBILITY: Florida libraries and nonprofit organizations primarily related to the provision or support of library services. Eligible entities include public libraries; public elementary, secondary or charter school libraries; academic libraries; library consortia; and special libraries.

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Teacher Professional Continuum (NSF)

PROGRAM: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is seeking applications to support critical issues and needs regarding the recruitment, preparation, enhancement, and retention of science, technology and mathematics (STM) teachers for grades K-12. The goals are to improve the quality and coherence of the learning experiences that prepare and enhance STM teachers; to develop innovative resources that prepare and support STM teachers and school and district administrators; to research and develop models and systems that support the teacher professional continuum; to research teacher learning and its impact on teaching practice; and to disseminate this research as well as innovative models and resources to a national audience.

DEADLINE: May 19, 2003, for preliminary proposals; September 10, 2003, for full proposals.

FUNDING: \$28 million for 25 to 35 grants.

ELIGIBILITY: Colleges and universities; non-academic organization, such as research laboratories and professional societies; for-profit organizations; state and local governments, including state education offices and local school districts.

CONTACT: Web site, <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2003/nsf03534/nsf03534.htm>.

National Endowment for the Arts Artistic Creativity and Preservation (NEA)

PROGRAM: The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) supports projects of artistic excellence, thus preserving, enhancing, and making more widely available our nation's diverse cultural heritage. Special consideration goes to projects giving youth a greater understanding of the arts to cultivate lifelong appreciation and learning.

Focus areas are:

- Creativity

These grants support the creation and presentation of artistically excellent and significant work. Previous grants have supported artist workshops or collaborative initiatives, public presentation or distribution of outstanding artistic works from all cultures and time periods, development and administration of competitions for a variety of design media, and development programs for artists.

- Heritage and Preservation

These grants will underwrite projects preserving forms of artistic expression and practice that reflect America's cultural traditions. Eligible activities include festivals or exhibits, apprenticeships, or documentation or recording of cultural and artistic works and practices.

- Service to Arts Organizations and Artists

These grants will help arts organizations and artists better reach their creative and public service goals. All grants will go to projects that will serve a broad group of organizations or artists, with preference reserved for professional development or networking activities, training and technical assistance to develop long-range planning, and adapting technology to improve operations or enhance experiences for audiences with special needs.

DEADLINE: Creativity: March 17, 2003. Heritage and Preservation: August 18, 2003. Service to Arts Organizations and Artists: March 17, 2003.

FUNDING: \$5,000 to \$150,000 per award. A one-to-one match is required from nonfederal sources. All projects may span a two-year period.

ELIGIBILITY: School districts, universities and colleges, units of state and local government, federally recognized tribal communities' nonprofits. Individual schools are not eligible to apply.

CONTACT: Web site, <http://arts.endow.gov/guide/GAP04/GAPindex.html>.

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowships (NEH)

PROGRAM: The fellowships go to primary or secondary school instructors, higher education faculty and staff, or independent scholars and writers. Fellows will pursue advanced work in the humanities that augments scholarly knowledge or general public understanding.

DEADLINE: May 1, 2003.

FUNDING: Up to \$40,000 each per award.

ELIGIBILITY: Primary or secondary school instructors, higher education faculty and staff, or independent scholars and writers.

CONTACT: Web site, <http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/fellowships.html>.

League for Innovation in Community Colleges -- College and Career Transition Initiative

PROGRAM: The League for Innovation in the Community College offers this program to contribute to strengthening the role of community and technical colleges throughout the states for:

- easing student transitions between secondary and postsecondary education as well as transitions to employment, and
- improving academic performance at both the secondary and postsecondary levels.

The program will be operated through site partnerships committed to serving as exemplars and leaders in facilitating and expanding promising college and career transition strategies and programs of study, and in improving academic performance of students at both the secondary and postsecondary levels.

DEADLINE: February 28, 2003.

FUNDING: Site partnerships can receive up to \$150,000 during the first year of the project. The duration of the project is up to 60 months; but funding beyond Year One is contingent on continuation of federal funds and project design.

ELIGIBILITY: Site partnership applications must be submitted by a Community/Technical College and must be done so in collaboration with one or more secondary schools/LEAs and two or more local employers.

CONTACT: Web site, <http://www.league.org/league/projects/ccti/rfp.asp>.

Doors to Diplomacy International Competition

PROGRAM: Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Doors to Diplomacy is a branch of GlobalSchoolNet's CyberFair program, where students research topics and create Web pages to share information with others worldwide. Doors to Diplomacy encourages middle and high school students to produce Web projects to teach specifically about the importance of international affairs and diplomacy.

DEADLINE: Registration is currently open at the Web site listed below; projects must be completed by March 21, 2003.

FUNDING: Each student on the winning team will receive \$2,000; the winning coaches' school will receive \$500. Winners will receive a trip to Washington, D.C., sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, for a private tour of its facilities, meetings with key officials, and an award presentation ceremony.

ELIGIBILITY: Teams of two to five students, ages 12-19, sponsored by an adult coach

CONTACT: Web site, <http://globalschoolhouse.org/doors>.

Colgate Youth for America Program

PROGRAM: Colgate Youth for America, an annual program celebrating outstanding youth community service, awards prizes ranging from \$100 to \$2,000 to local chapters of Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of the USA, Girls Incorporated, Camp Fire USA, Boys and Girls Clubs of America, National 4-H Council, and other community organizations focusing on youth service. Previous awards have honored environmental preservation programs, adult literacy initiatives, community restoration activities, food and clothing donation drives, and senior citizen outreach programs, among many others.

DEADLINE: March 15, 2003.

FUNDING: Range is \$100 to \$2,000 per award.

ELIGIBILITY: Local chapters of Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of the USA, Girls Incorporated, Camp Fire USA, Boys and Girls Clubs of America, National 4-H Council, and other community organizations focusing on youth service.

CONTACT: Web site, http://www.colgate.com/cp/corp.class/colgate_cares/youth.jsp.

Harold Howe II Youth Policy Fellowship

PROGRAM: The American Youth Policy Forum (AYPF) awards these fellowships, supported by the Ford Foundation, for promising young scholars or scholar-practitioners to work out of the AYPF offices to undertake a self-designed project on significant issues in youth policy, practice, research or program evaluation, focusing particularly on disadvantaged youths.

DEADLINE: March 1, 2003.

FUNDING: A stipend of \$25,000 and, if not otherwise available, health insurance will be provided for the year-long fellowship.

ELIGIBILITY: Fellows must have a master's degree or higher earned in the past five years.

CONTACT: Web site, www.aypf.org/publications/fellowship_brochure.pdf.

Target Stores Funding to Local Communities

PROGRAM: Target stores in communities are now accepting applications for the company's community giving grant program. The program currently awards grants in three areas: arts, education, and family violence prevention.

DEADLINE: Applications are accepted between February 12, and July 31, 2003.

FUNDING: Average is between \$1,000 and \$5,000. Applications will be received and reviewed by local Target store team leaders, who will make funding recommendations. Applications will be reviewed as they are received; applicants are therefore encouraged to apply early. Complete guidelines and applications can be downloaded at Target's Web site or picked up at local Target stores.

ELIGIBILITY: Nonprofits, schools, or units of government; which must be located in a community where Target does business; and do work in the areas of arts, education, or family violence prevention.

CONTACT: Web site,
http://target.com/common/page.jhtml?content=target_cg_grant_guidelines.

Wal-Mart Foundation Funding to Local Communities

PROGRAM: The Wal-Mart Foundation develops and implements programs that support employees, children and families through education, health and economic development in local Wal-Mart communities across the country.

Wal-Mart supports a wide range of education programs. The Teacher of the Year award recognizes outstanding teachers in Wal-Mart/Sam's Club's communities nationwide (the deadline for this program is generally in April). The Wal-Mart/Jobs for American Graduates School-to-Career program aims to create employment opportunities for disadvantaged youths. The Foundation also offers eight scholarship programs, including Competitive Edge scholarships, and a community matching grant program. Environmental education programs are also of interest. These include Animal Tracks, an elementary and middle school classroom education program focusing on conservation issues, in conjunction with the National Wildlife Federation; the Burpee Seed Program, which distributes Learn and Grow Seed Kits to elementary schools selected by local Wal-Mart stores nationwide; and Kids for a Clean Environment, a youth environmental organization.

The Foundation also supports Project Insight, which works with school nurses and teachers to identify children who may need eyeglasses, and refers those kids to Wal-Mart vision centers for an eye exam and, if necessary, eyeglasses at no charge to those who otherwise could not afford them.

DEADLINE: Deadlines vary by program, ranging from February through May. See the Web site or contact the foundation for specific deadlines. Proposals mailed directly to the Wal-Mart Foundation will not be considered. All requests for funding must be directed through local Wal-Mart Stores, Sam's Clubs, Neighborhood Markets and Distribution Centers. When the Foundation supports national causes, it requires that funds stay in the local community to benefit the area where they are raised.

FUNDING: \$116 million total in cash donations in 2001.

ELIGIBILITY: Nonprofits, schools, government-funded organizations and faith-based organizations that are conducting projects benefiting a broad section of the community in areas where Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., are in operation.

CONTACT: Web site, www.walmartfoundation.org

Lexmark Corporate Giving

PROGRAM: Lexmark, provider of printing solutions such as ink jet printers, focuses corporate giving and product donations supporting employee volunteerism and educational excellence in communities in which its employees live and work.

DEADLINE: June 1, 2003.

FUNDING:

- Make It Happen, a program that involves a Lexmark employee that volunteers at least 40 hours a year to an organization and which may recommend a grant of \$250 for the group. The limit for Make It Happen funding for any particular group is \$2,500 a year, and funding is considered on a first-come, first served basis.
- In the area of educational excellence, Lexmark will solicit proposals from arts, math and science programs in which it has an interest.
- Lexmark has created an art education program that uses inkjet printers and CDs of famous works of art so students can print their own classroom museums of masterpieces. The company does not donate ink or toner cartridges to meet ongoing needs.

ELIGIBILITY: Schools and community service organizations in Orlando, FL.

CONTACT: Web site, www.lexmark.com/US/corporate (click on “Corporate Giving”).

4-H Community Tree Planting Grants

PROGRAM: The 4-H Council’s Community Tree Planting grants, funded by Deft Inc., seek to help youths undertake tree planting or reforestation projects.

DEADLINE: March 18, 2003.

FUNDING: Grants range from \$200 to \$1,000 each. A local funding match equal to the grant amount is required.

ELIGIBILITY: Organizations that facilitate youth-led local or state community efforts.

CONTACT: Web site, www.grants.n4h.org

Community Toolbox for Children's Environmental Health

PROGRAM: The Community Toolbox for Children's Environmental Health awards capacity-building grants to help increase the abilities and effectiveness of small community-based nonprofits that are working to reduce lead poisoning or environmental hazards that threaten the health of children.

DEADLINE: February 28, 2003, for round-one preliminary applications. If interested, a full proposal for round two will be invited, to be due on July 11, 2003.

FUNDING: Grants of \$500 each are available to round one grant winners. Round two grants range from \$2,500 to \$20,000, but most grants are in the \$4,000 to \$12,000 range.

ELIGIBILITY: Nonprofit organizations with an annual budget of less than \$200,000 for the past year (2002) and the current year may apply. Small and emerging organizations are encouraged to apply.

CONTACT: Web site, www.communitytoolbox.org.

Mimio Think Ink Contest

PROGRAM: K-12 and university educators are invited to apply for free Mimio products, sponsored by Virtual Ink's Think Ink Contest. Mimio can be attached to any whiteboard (up to 4' by 8' in size). Anything written or drawn on the whiteboard will be captured to a connected classroom MAC or PC in color and real time. All content created in class can then be shared with anyone, in any location. In addition, Mimio is easily portable between classrooms, or from school to school.

DEADLINE: Open. Winners are selected on the first of each month

FUNDING: Mimio classroom products.

ELIGIBILITY: K-12 and university educators.

CONTACT: Web site, <http://www.mimio.com/education/winmimio.html>.

Stonyfield Farm Profits for the Planet Program

PROGRAM: Stonyfield Farm donates 10 percent of the company's profits to efforts that help protect or restore the earth. Areas of interest are:

- environmental stewardship and sustainable agriculture
- children's education and healthful eating
- women's wellness and illnesses related directly to diet and nutrition.

There are no geographic restrictions on the program, however, the company is especially interested in supporting requests from their new markets which includes Florida. In addition to grants, the company often makes product donations to organizations.

DEADLINE: Open.

FUNDING: Grants vary as well as product donations.

ELIGIBILITY: Nonprofits.

CONTACT: Web site, <http://www.stonyfield.com/donations>.

Garth Brooks Teammates for Kids Foundation

PROGRAM: Founded by Garth Brooks, in conjunction with the participation of Major League Baseball and National Hockey League, the Foundation develops and implements innovative concepts that generate funds for the benefit of children's charities. Grants support the ongoing work of operating organizations that help needy children in the areas of health, education, and inner-city services.

DEADLINE: April 1, 2003.

FUNDING: Range is \$1,000 to \$150,000.

ELIGIBILITY: Nonprofit organizations that specialize in working with children.

CONTACT: Web site, <http://www.teammates4kids.com/>.

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